



Hundreds gather at ceremony to bid farewell to Rosenstein

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of Justice Department employees gathered Thursday to send off Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, capping a tenure marked by a tumultuous relationship with President Donald Trump.

Attorney General William Barr and former Attorney General Jeff Sessions were among the speakers, praising Rosenstein's dedication to a difficult job. Rosenstein's tenure as the department's No. 2 coincided with some of the most consequential moments of the president's term, including the firing of ex-FBI director James Comey and the appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller.

And the ceremony itself comes at a turbulent time for the Justice Department. Scores of Democrats have called for Barr's resignation and the House Judiciary Committee voted on Wednesday to hold him in contempt after he refused to comply with a subpoena for a full un-redacted version of Mueller's report and underlying investiga-



ROSENSTEIN RETIRES

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein reacts to a speaker as he is honored with a farewell ceremony in the Great Hall at the Department of Justice in Washington, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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tive documents.

"You like records," Barr said jokingly to Rosenstein. "This must be a record, of an attorney general being pro-

posed for contempt within 100 days of taking office." Rosenstein stepped in to take over supervision of the Russia probe after Sessions

recused himself. He authored a memo the White House used to justify firing FBI Director James Comey, whose agency was lead-

ing the investigation into Russian interference at the time.

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Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein walks past former Attorney General Jeff Sessions after speaking during a farewell ceremony for Rosenstein in the Great Hall at the Department of Justice in Washington, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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Days later, Rosenstein appointed Mueller, a move that Trump feared could end his presidency.

But by the end of his time at the Justice Department, Rosenstein appeared to be largely in Trump's corner, joining Barr in determining Trump had not obstructed

the Mueller investigation — a conclusion Mueller pointedly did not make.

"Decisions had to be made, and those decisions fell to him and they fell to him alone," Sessions told the crowd. "He made every decision based on his best judgment of what he thought was best for this country. He stayed the course during some of the most difficult times in the history of the department." During the nearly two years as deputy attorney general, Rosenstein — a Trump appointee — became a frequent target of the president and other Republicans. Trump once retweeted an image showing Rosenstein and others criticized by the president behind bars, calling for them to be tried for "treason." In September, Rosenstein went to the White House expecting to be fired after

news reports that he had discussed secretly recording Trump and invoking a constitutional amendment to remove Trump as unfit for office. He was ultimately allowed to stay on after private conversations with Trump and John Kelly, who at the time was White House chief of staff. Sessions said he knew there would be a lot of controversies when he took the job. The attorney general's office "frequently finds itself at the vortex of law and politics and the separation of powers," he said.

"But in truth, I have to say our run exceeded my expectations. Considerably," Sessions said, turning to Rosenstein as laughter erupted from the audience.

Sessions resigned in November at the president's request, and Trump nominated Barr as his successor. Rosenstein's departure had been expected after Barr was named attorney general. He had planned to leave his post around mid-March, but stayed on for the completion of Mueller's investigation.

Amid backlash from Democrats, Rosenstein defended Barr against criticism that

he was spinning Mueller's findings in the president's favor.

He stood silently behind Barr at a news conference as the attorney general praised Trump's cooperation in the investigation.

Toward the end of the ceremony Thursday, Rosenstein's deputy Ed O'Callaghan — who gained Twitter fame for his beard after standing behind Barr at the same news conference last month — presented his boss with a fake beard. Rosenstein put it on with a smile.

"I leave here confident that justice is in good hands, in your hands," Rosenstein told the audience after recounting his nearly three-decade career at the Justice Department.

Trump has nominated Jeffrey Rosen, the deputy transportation secretary who was a longtime litigator, to replace Rosenstein. The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday voted to approve Rosen's nomination, though Democrats have raised questions about Rosen's lack of criminal law experience.

The full Senate will now need to vote on his nomination. □

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Sen. Burr takes GOP fire over Trump Jr subpoena

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans lashed out Thursday at fellow GOP Sen. Richard Burr for his committee's subpoena of President Donald Trump's son, a move that suggested the Russia investigation is not "case closed" as some in the party insist. Trump said he was "very surprised" at the move.

The revolt by some against the Senate intelligence committee chairman comes after The Associated Press and other news outlets reported the panel is calling in Donald Trump Jr. to answer questions about his 2017 testimony to the panel as part of its probe into Russian election interference. But the issue of re-calling Trump's son laid bare the conflict inside the president's party over whether probes involving

Russian election meddling are still merited.

It's the first known subpoena of a member of Trump's immediate family and a new sign that the Senate panel is continuing with its own two-year-long investigation, even after the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report and Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's call from the Senate floor on Tuesday to move on.

"This case is closed. The Mueller Report cleared @ DonaldJTrumpJr and he's already spent 27 hours testifying before Congress," tweeted Burr's fellow North Carolina Republican senator, Thom Tillis, one of several GOP senators who criticized Burr. "It's time to move on & start focusing on issues that matter to Americans." A source familiar with the committee's deliberations said the subpoena went out "weeks ago" and all

committee members were aware of it. The person, who requested anonymity to discuss the internal negotiations, said members had been regularly briefed on communications with Trump Jr.

Burr wouldn't comment on the subpoena or the backlash Thursday. But at a Republican policy lunch, he walked through the timeline of events that led to the committee's decision, according to a person familiar with his comments who requested anonymity to discuss the private meeting. McConnell then stood up and defended him, saying he trusts Burr, according to the person.

The subpoena appeared to catch the president and many of his allies by surprise. Trump said as much, adding that "my son is a very good person." Trump Jr., the president said, had already testified for a "massive" amount of time. □



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In this April 19, 2016, file photo, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert looks up during a ceremonial signing of a state resolution declaring pornography a public health crisis, at the Utah State Capitol, in Salt Lake City.

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A growing number of states call porn a public health crisis

PHOENIX (AP) — More than a dozen states have moved to declare pornography a public health crisis, raising concerns among some experts who say the label goes too far and carries its own risks. The Arizona Senate approved a resolution this week calling for a systemic effort to prevent exposure to porn that's increasingly accessible to younger kids online. At least one legislative chamber has adopted

a similar resolution in 15 other states.

"It is an epidemic in our society, and this makes a statement that we have a problem," said Arizona Sen. Sylvia Allen, a Republican who blamed pornography for contributing to violence against women, sexual activity among teens and unintended pregnancies. Linking those social issues to pornography is "compete fear-mongering," said Mark Kernes, a senior editor at the trade publication Adult Video News media network. Pornography is harmless entertainment meant for adults, he said. "We're not really a public-health anything," Kernes said.

The Arizona resolution that passed Monday doesn't ban pornography or create any other legal changes, but it could signal future action. Similar declarations have been passed in GOP-controlled states ranging from Tennessee to Montana and been adopted in the Republican Party's national platform.

Many of the resolutions are based on a model written by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, an anti-porn group that cites research linking it to a range of problems and argues that it's become too ubiquitous for individuals to combat alone.

But others say the public-crisis label is a misguided approach.

Research has raised questions about the effect of explicit material on young

kids, but links to other often-cited issues like human trafficking are tenuous at best, said Emily Rothman, a community health sciences professor at Boston University.

The resolutions risk creating a stigma for marginalized groups like LGBTQ people and miss a key piece of the puzzle by leaving out calls for more robust sex education for teenagers, she said. And porn isn't like a deadly virus, she said.

"If you stub your toe, that might be something you can't solve yourself, but that doesn't make it a public health issue," Rothman said.

Several Arizona Democrats said the state has more important health threats to confront, such as measles, opioids, homelessness and suicide.

Plus, pornography can be part of a healthy sex life for adults, said Albuquerque-based sex therapist David Ley, who sees the resolutions as a backlash against changing attitudes about sexuality.

"It's just virtue signaling, there's literally no effect," he said.

But the legislation could pave the way for future steps, like keeping publicly funded internet at places like schools and libraries from being used to access porn, said Haley Halverson with the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, which is working on new model legislation for states taking those next steps. □

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Officials seek to open major spillway on Mississippi River

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Army Corps of Engineers officials in Louisiana aim to open a historic flood control structure above New Orleans on Tuesday for an unprecedented second time in one year.

"It's an unprecedented amount of water that's coming down," David Ramirez, chief of water management for the Corps' New Orleans District, told reporters Thursday.

The request for authorization from the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division comes as floods across the Midwest have caused billions of dollars in damage to homes, farms and businesses.

Continued rains in the Midwest and Ohio Valley and floodwaters from the upper Mississippi River are heading down the Mississippi, National Weather Service hydrologist Jeffrey Graschel said. In addition, he noted, storms are expected to dump 5 to 10 inches (13 to 25 centimeters) of rain in parts of Louisiana and Arkansas.

The Bonnet Carré Spillway gets opened to relieve stress on New Orleans levees when the Mississippi flows at 1.25 million cubic feet (35,400 cubic meters) per second — fast enough to fill the Empire State Building in 30 seconds.

"The risks in not operating the spillway as it is designed ... would be potentially catastrophic," corps spokesman Ricky Boyett said.

The spillway, completed in 1931, is a 1.5-mile-long (2.4-kilometer-long) construction of 350 concrete bays and 7,000 huge timbers called needles. Its unusually early opening in February marked the 13th time it has been used overall, but only the second time it's been used in consecutive years. Earlier this year, 206 bays were opened, discharging 213,000 cubic feet (6,032 cubic meters) of water per second into the spillway.

"An average flood season is from March to May. This

year has not been average at all," the New Orleans district's deputy commander, Maj. Jordon Davis, said Thursday.

The water is diverted along a 6-mile (9.7-kilometer) course of guide levees to brackish Lake Pontchartrain, after which it flows to the Mississippi Sound in the Gulf of Mexico.

Moby Solangi, director of the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies in Gulfport, Mississippi, said he's concerned about the spillway opening, because it means that polluted fresh water will flow into the Sound, a nursery for dolphins and endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles.

More of those animals died in April than in any April over the past five years, he said, with 28 dolphins and 57 sea turtles found dead. Solangi said many of the dolphins had lesions on their bodies from exposure to fresh water, which also damages oyster reefs and blue crabs, on which the turtles feed, and plants that are food for animals lower on the food chain.

He said 73 dolphins and 79 sea turtles have died so far this year. That compares, for example, to 82 dolphin deaths in all of 2016, the highest annual total in the past five years. "We haven't even started the year and it's 73," he said.

Davis said the Corps has received "very inconclusive" reports about the deaths from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"The wildlife concern is very real," but the trigger point of 1.25 million cubic feet per second is set in law, he said.

Boyett said a 3- to 5-year hydrologic study of the Mississippi and other rivers in Louisiana began recently. "It will help us understand if we're doing it the right way," he said.

He also said opening the Bonnet Carré and the Morganza Spillway further up-river averted an estimated \$250 billion in flood dam-

ages in 2011, about \$170 billion of that in Louisiana.

Officials said they don't expect to open the Morganza Spillway this year.

Graschel said the lower Mississippi hit its first peak in March and never got down to normal. It could reach a seasonal norm until sometime in July if there isn't any additional significant rain in the Missouri and Ohio river areas, he said. □



Clarence Ferguson, left, and grandson Demarius Ferguson navigate their boat long Hugh Street in south Greenville, Miss., Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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Report: Air quality harmed as Texas oil production booms

By DAVID WARREN

DALLAS (AP) — The production of oil and natural gas in West Texas is booming but it's coming at a cost to residents who are regularly exposed to unhealthy levels of air pollution, according to a report issued by an environmental group.

The Environmental Integrity Project noted in a report released Thursday that the Permian Basin, which extends into New Mexico, is one of the most productive hydrocarbon regions in the world, thanks largely to the advent over the past decade of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. In another two years the basin will account for about 40 percent of all U.S. production, the group said.

But a consequence of that production is dangerous levels of sulfur dioxide in the air around Odessa and other locations, according to the report, which adds that pollution levels in much of Ector County, where Odessa is located, exceed standards set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"Controlling air pollution in West Texas has not been a priority for the state, as evidenced by the scarcity of air pollution monitoring stations in the Permian Basin," the report said. "And yet, the type of air pollution in the Permian Basin — dominated by excessive emissions of sulfur dioxide



This Oct. 9, 2018, file photo shows an oil rig and pump jack in Midland, Texas.

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and hydrogen sulfide — is known to have serious environmental and public health consequences."

Ilan Levin, associate director of The Environmental Integrity Project, said regulators such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality need to have stricter oversight of air pollution permits while penalizing polluters who violate the terms of those permits.

"It's like they're speeding and the cops out on the beat are not issuing any speeding tickets," Levin said Wednesday.

A spokesman for TCEQ declined to comment, saying the agency hadn't seen

the report. The president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association said the industry group also must still review the report but is confident that Permian Basin production will continue to be viewed as a benefit to the state and the nation.

"Upon release to the public we will review the full study, but there is no doubt that the phenomenal growth of energy production in the Permian Basin, which has elevated the United States to become the world's top oil and natural gas producer, is providing undeniable benefits to Texas in the form of abundant, reliable and affordable ener-

gy, hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs, and billions in state and local tax revenues," Todd Staples said. "And all of these have occurred while at the same time the U.S. has led the world in emission reductions, undoubtedly because the oil and natural gas industry is the leading investor in zero- and low-carbon technology, investing billions in advanced technologies that are protecting and improving our environment."

The report asserts that oil and gas facilities are releasing large amounts of unpermitted pollution during equipment breakdowns,

maintenance and other so-called "emission events." The unauthorized release of air pollution occurs mainly from flaring, which is a way to burn gas that's released, according to the report, but Levin adds that flaring was meant to be a last resort that instead has "become a business model to get rid of gas that they don't know what to do with."

There's only one functioning air monitoring station measuring sulfur dioxide in the Permian Basin, the report said, and more are needed to better police the release of emissions. Sulfur dioxide forms when substances containing sulfur, including coal and oil, are burned. Exposure can make breathing difficult and harm a person's respiratory system.

There were at least 30 occasions from December 2016 to April of this year that sulfur dioxide levels measured at one location exceeded federal health standards, according to the report, adding that oil and gas operators in and around Ector County self-reported 2,564 unauthorized releases of air pollution from 2014 to 2017.

"We're calling on the regulators to monitor air quality because they're not doing that right now for vast parts of the Permian Basin, especially where most of the people live," Levin said. □

Texas House OKs death penalty ban for severely mentally ill

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The nation's busiest death-penalty state would stop executing inmates who are severely mentally ill under legislation the Republican-controlled Texas House approved Thursday, signaling a willingness to soften the state's tough stance on capital punishment.

The measure may not get much farther, though. It needs to pass the Senate, which is Texas' more conservative chamber, with less than three weeks left in what has been a politically mild session compared to recent years.

Passage of Democratic state Rep. Toni Rose's bill was nonetheless a milestone just two years after her last attempt failed to reach the House floor. It would take the death penalty off the table in Texas for inmates who had a severe mental illness, including schizophrenia or a bipolar disorder, at the time of the crime.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled mentally disabled people are ineligible for execution, but that prohibition does not include those who are mentally ill.

Rose said Texas would save

money by no longer litigating lengthy death penalty appeals of condemned inmates whose executions would be challenged over their mental health. She said they would not escape punishment under her bill because they would instead be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

She addressed her Republican colleagues before calling for a vote.

"This body is filled with people who are pro-life," Rose said. "If you're pro-life, be pro-life from the womb to the tomb." □

Fake German heiress sentenced to 4-12 years behind bars

NEW YORK (AP) — Anna Sorokin, the German con artist who passed herself off as a wealthy heiress to swindle banks, hotels and even close friends as she lived out a high-society, Instagram-ready fantasy in New York, was sentenced Thursday to four to 12 years in prison.

The 28-year-old, who had played with her own tabloid image during the trial by wearing stylish dresses to court, looked despondent as the verdict was announced. She pressed her hand to her face and squeezed her eyes shut, appearing to hold back tears.

Judge Diane Kiesel said Sorokin had been "blinded by the glitter and glamour of New York City" as she turned to fraud to finance a life she could never afford. But the judge turned down a request by Sorokin's lawyers to sentence her to the time she has already spent in jail awaiting trial.

"I am stunned by the depth of the defendant's deception," Kiesel said, adding that she hoped to send a message to Sorokin's internet following "that her behavior is unacceptable."

"Certainly she didn't think about the people she scammed," the judge added. The sentencing capped a spectacular case that drew international attention and tabloid headlines. Netflix and HBO are both working on shows based on Sorokin's audacious efforts to finagle her way into the Manhattan socialite scene. She was convicted last month on multiple counts of larceny and theft and has been in custody since her October 2017 arrest—time behind bars that will be credited toward her sentence. The judge also ordered Sorokin to pay nearly \$200,000 in restitution and a \$24,000 fine.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said it will seek to deport Sorokin to Germany following her release from state prison. Moments before she was

sentenced, Sorokin briefly addressed the court, saying, "I apologize for the mistakes I made."

Her defense attorney, Todd Spodek, told a gaggle of reporters that Sorokin was "holding up OK." He described the prison sentence as "expected" but said Sorokin will pursue an appeal. "She's a tough woman," Spodek said, noting she has been at Rikers Island for more than 500 days.

Sorokin forged a new identity — Anna Delvey — and defrauded financial institutions and Manhattan celebrities into believing she had a fortune of \$67 million (60 million euros) overseas that could cover her jet-setting lifestyle, high-end clothing and lavish hotel stays. She falsely claimed her father was a diplomat or an oil baron and falsified bank records. Her ruse included an application for a \$22 million loan to fund a private arts club, complete with exhibitions, installations and pop-up shops, prosecutors said. She was denied that loan but persuaded one bank to lend her \$100,000 that she failed to repay. In all, prosecutors accused her of stealing some \$275,000, including a \$35,400 bill she failed to pay for a plane she chartered to and from the Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. She went to great lengths to ensure others paid her way, even as she had "not a cent to her name, as far as we can determine," prosecutor Catherine McCaw said following Sorokin's arrest.

"An ordinary person would just take coach," McCaw told Kiesel at Thursday's hearing. "The defendant did not want an ordinary life, and she was willing to steal in order to get that."

The jury convicted Sorokin of four counts of theft of services, three counts of grand larceny and one count of attempted grand larceny.

Jurors acquitted her of two counts, including an alle-

gation that she promised a friend an all-expenses paid trip to Morocco and then stuck her with the \$62,000 bill. She was also found not guilty of one of the most serious charges in the indictment: attempting to steal more than \$1 million from City National Bank. □



Anna Sorokin cries during sentencing at New York State Supreme Court in New York, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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UK opposition campaigns, govt lies low, in EU election

By JILL LAWLESS

LONDON (AP) — Britain's opposition parties were out campaigning Thursday for the upcoming European Parliament election. The governing Conservatives just wished it wasn't happening.

For months, Prime Minister Theresa May's government promised this election wouldn't be held in Britain, because the country would have left the European Union by now. But Brexit is on hold amid political deadlock, and so Britons will vote May 23 for lawmakers to fill 73 U.K. seats in the 751-seat EU legislature. The contest is, inevitably, dominated by Brexit.

The U.K.'s biggest opposition party, Labour, launched its campaign Thursday with an attempt to appeal to Brexit-backers and pro-Europeans alike.



Britain's Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn launches his party's European election campaign at the University of Kent in Chatham, Thursday May 9, 2019.

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Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said at a rally in Gillingham, southern England, that "the real divide in our country is not how people

voted in the EU referendum. The real divide is between the many and the few."

"A vote for Labour is a vote

to bring our divided country back together," Corbyn said.

But the left-of-center party is walking a tightrope by

trying to appeal to both sides of the Brexit divide. Labour favors leaving the EU on its own terms, but opposes the government's Brexit deal, which has been rejected by Parliament three times. Labour and the government are holding talks about striking a compromise agreement, so far without success.

Under Corbyn, a long-time critic of the EU, Labour says it won't try to overturn voters' decision to leave the EU. But Corbyn said Labour would support a new referendum on membership in the bloc if that is the only way to stop "the government's bad deal" or a chaotic no-deal Brexit.

The ambiguity infuriates many Labour members, who believe the party would do better at the polls if it adopted a firmly anti-Brexit stance. □

Libya's eastern government says it won't rule by force

By MASHA MACPHERSON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The government in eastern Libya allied with forces attacking the capital does not want to rule the country by force, its foreign minister said Thursday.

The Benghazi-based government is allied with Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter's self-styled Libyan National Army, which controls most of eastern and southern Libya and launched an offensive in Tripoli, in the west, last month. Hifter's forces are battling militias loosely allied with a weak, U.N.-recognized government there.

"We want to put an end to the crisis, the war and divisions," Abdulhadi Lahweej told The Associated Press in Paris, where he was meeting with members of parliament, officials at the foreign and defense ministries, and business representatives.

"Our goal is not to rule or to establish a military government. We want a civil state based on institutions and human rights. We want a government that the Libyan people choose and we



Abdulhadi Lahweej, Libya's foreign minister in the Benghazi-based government gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Paris, France, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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will approve of whatever the people choose," he said.

Hifter's opponents view him as an aspiring strongman in the mold of Moammar Gadhafi, whose overthrow in a 2011 NATO-backed uprising plunged the country into chaos.

Fayez Sarraj, the head of the Tripoli-based government, was also in Paris this week, where he met with President Emmanuel Macron as part of a swing through European capitals aimed at building support for his embattled government.

In an interview with France 24, Sarraj said Hifter's offensive was a "coup" that should be condemned internationally as "an attempt to take power by weapons, by force."

He added, however, that he was prepared to resume a U.N.-brokered

peace process aimed at unifying the country. He also claimed to have reduced the number of armed groups in Tripoli from 115 to no more than five, all of which he said were integrated into the security forces.

Libya has been split between rival authorities in east and west since 2014, with each side backed by various militias. Hifter's forces have battled Islamic extremists and other rival factions across eastern Libya, and recently made inroads in the south.

He presents himself as a strong hand that can restore stability after years of chaos, which have transformed Libya into a haven for armed groups and a major conduit for migrants bound for Europe.

"In clear and simple words, we do not want to rule the Libyan people," Lahweej said. "We only want to bring back the state. We want to bring security and stability. We want to control borders. We want Libya not to be a place for terrorists or a hub for migration and human trafficking." □

EU leaders commit to unity despite major divisions

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

SIBIU, Romania (AP) — Despite the impending departure of Britain, the remaining European Union countries committed Thursday to stick together "through thick and thin" to emerge as a stronger world power after years of internal divisions.

"The world doesn't sleep," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said as 27 EU leaders held an informal summit in Romania. "We have to be innovative. We have to be strong, we have to be united."

The U.K.'s planned departure from the EU has preoccupied the bloc for more than two years, so the summit was a chance to make a clarion call of unity and to reiterate the EU's fundamental principles.

Leaders as disparate as French President Emmanuel Macron, an EU champion, and Hungary's euroskeptic prime minister, Viktor Orban, found a 10-point list of generalities they could all get behind.

Macron argued the EU needs to stand up as one and to face China and the United States as an equal. "Division will be our weakness," the French leader warned.

Britain is still nominally an EU member, but Prime Minister Theresa May skipped the Romania summit and remained in London to try to get an EU withdrawal deal through Parliament.

The other 27 nations are unhappy about the drawn-out divorce with the U.K.

A political impasse over the divorce agreement caused May to request a postponement to the original Brexit date of March 29, which has now been pushed back to October 31.

Because of all the time and effort lost on Brexit, EU leaders need to meet more often to catch up on other matters, Merkel said.

"We talked about the need to become faster when it

comes to reaching decisions," she said.

"That's why I proposed we could meet every two months for regular meetings."

The list of common commitments they vowed to defend included democratic rule of law principles, better defense and improved labor protections.

In what the leaders called "the spirit of Sibiu" in their joint declaration, they promised to stick together in a global environment "to make the most of new trading opportunities and to jointly tackle global issues such as preserving our environment and fighting climate change."

But disagreements were evident on environmental issues. Macron lauded an approach from nine nations on climate change, but Merkel and others stayed away from it because they thought it was based too much on traditional energy sources.

"We consider the path of betting on nuclear power to be completely wrong," Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said. "We have to fight climate change but neither nuclear energy nor coal-fired power plants are the right way."

The process for picking the EU's new top officials in Brussels also promises to produce a tussle. European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker are leaving later this year.

It promises to be a mighty tussle.

So much so that Tusk called for a special summit on May 28, two days after the EU parliamentary elections end, to streamline the procedure and hasten the vetting of candidates.

Mark Rutte is seen by many as an early favorite to replace Tusk, but the Dutch prime minister said on Thursday he was not a candidate. In the past, candidates who declared early faded quickly and never

got the job they hoped for. Juncker is also slated to leave in November and replacing him is expected to be more complicated, considering the results of the May 23-26 European elections must also be taken into account.□



European Council President Donald Tusk, left, speaks with French President Emmanuel Macron during a group photo of EU leaders at an EU summit in Sibiu, Romania, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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Pope requires sex abuse to be reported to church, not police

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis issued a groundbreaking new church law Thursday requiring all Catholic priests and nuns around the world to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-up by their superiors to church authorities, in a new effort to hold the Catholic hierarchy accountable for failing to protect their flocks.

Abuse victims and their advocates said it was a step forward, but not enough since it doesn't require the crimes to be reported to police and essentially tasks bishops discredited for mishandling abuse for decades with policing their own.

The new law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses around the world to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior.

It's the latest effort by Francis to respond to the global



Pope Francis does the sign of the cross during his weekly general audience, in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

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eruption of the sex abuse and cover-up scandal that has devastated the credibility of the Catholic hierarchy and his own papacy. And it provides a new legal framework for U.S. bishops as they prepare to adopt accountability measures next month to respond to the scandal there.

"People must know that bishops are at the service of the people," said Archbishop Charles Scicluna, the Vatican's longtime sex crimes prosecutor. "They are not above the law, and if they do wrong, they must be reported."

The decree requires the world's 415,000 Catholic priests and 660,000 religious sisters to inform church authorities when they learn or have "well-founded motives to believe" that a cleric or sister has engaged in sexual abuse of a minor, sexual misconduct with an adult, possession of child pornography — or that a superior has covered up any of those crimes.

It doesn't require them to report to police, however. The Vatican has long argued that different legal systems in different countries make a universal reporting law impossible, and that imposing one could endanger the church in places where Catholics are a persecuted minority. But the procedures do for the first time put into universal church law that clergy must obey civil reporting requirements where they live, and that their obligation to report to the church in no way interferes with that.

Abuse survivor David Clohessey dismissed the new set of procedures, saying they

remain secretive and internal to the church.

"Until heads roll, until bishops are fired — plain and simple — they'll continue to ignore and conceal clergy sex crimes," he said.

If implemented fully, though, the Vatican could well see an avalanche of abuse and cover-up reports in the coming years. The decree can be applied retroactively, meaning priests and nuns are now required to report even old cases of sexual wrongdoing and cover-ups — and enjoy whistleblower protections for doing so.

Previously such reporting was left up to the conscience of individual priests and nuns.

Anne Barrett Doyle of BishopAccountability praised some of the provisions, but said they weren't enough primarily because there were no provisions to sanction violations and kept the process entirely internal to the church.

"Bishops watching bishops does not work," she said. While there are no punitive measures foreseen for non-compliance, bishops and religious superiors could be accused of cover-up or negligence if they fail to implement the provisions, or retaliate against priests and nuns who make reports against them.

The law defines the crimes that must be reported as: performing sexual acts with a minor or vulnerable person; forcing an adult "by violence or threat or through abuse of authority, to perform or submit to sexual acts," and the production, possession or distribution of child pornography. Cover-up is defined as "actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid" civil or canonical investigations.

Cardinal Marc Ouellet, head of the Vatican's bishops office, said the inclusion of sex crimes involving adults was a clear reference to cases of sexual abuse of nuns and seminarians by their superiors — a scandal that has exploded in recent months following reports, including by The Associated Press and the Vatican's own women's magazine, of sisters being sexually assaulted by priests. But Scicluna said it obviously covered lay people as well.

The pope mandated that victims reporting abuse must be welcomed, listened to and supported by the hierarchy, as well as offered spiritual, medical and psychological assistance. The law says victims can't be forced to keep quiet, even though the investigation itself is still conducted under pontifical secret. And in a novelty, the law requires that if victims request it, they must be informed of the outcome of the investigation — again a response to longstanding complaints that victims are kept in the dark about how their claims were handled.

Victims and their advocates have long complained that bishops and religious superiors have escaped justice for having engaged in sexual misconduct themselves, or failed to protect their flocks from predator priests. Bishops and religious superiors are accountable only to the pope, and only a handful have ever been sanctioned or removed for sex abuse or cover-up, and usually only after particularly egregious misbehavior became public. □

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N. Korea fires 2 suspected missiles in possible new warning

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles toward the sea on Thursday, South Korean officials said, its second weapons launch in five days and a possible warning that nuclear disarmament talks with Washington could be in danger.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the weapons flew 420 kilometers (260 miles) and 270 kilometers (167 miles), respectively. It said it is working with the United States to determine more details, such as the types of weapons that were fired.

South Korea's military said earlier that at least one projectile was launched from the Sino-ri area of North Pyongan province, an area known to have one of North Korea's oldest missile bases where a brigade operates mid-range Rodong missiles. It later said there were two launches from the nearby town of Kusong, where North Korea conducted its first successful flight tests of its Hwasong-12 intermediate-range missile and Hwasong-14 intercontinental ballistic missile, both in 2017. Kusong is also home to missile test facilities that were critical to the development of North Korea's solid-fuel Pukguksong-2, which was successfully flight-tested for the first time in February 2017, in the North's first missile test after President Donald Trump took office.

The latest launches came as U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Steven



People watch a TV showing file footage of North Korea's missile launch during a news program at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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phen Biegun visits South Korea, and hours after the North described its firing of rocket artillery and an apparent short-range ballistic missile on Saturday as a regular and defensive military exercise. North Korea also ridiculed South Korea for criticizing those launches.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in urged North Korea to refrain from actions that could impede diplomacy. In an interview with the KBS television network, Moon also said Seoul will explore various options to help revive the talks, including providing food aid to the North and pushing for his fourth summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"I want to tell North Korea once again that it's not ideal to repeat actions that

create various interpretations of its intent, raise concern and risk throwing cold water on the atmosphere of dialogue and negotiations," said Moon, a liberal who facilitated contacts between the U.S. and North Korea last year.

Moon's office earlier said the North Korean launches were "very concerning" and detrimental to efforts to improve inter-Korean ties and ease military tensions on the Korean Peninsula. There was no immediate comment from the United States.

Some analysts have said that if North Korea resumes testing the kind of longer-range banned ballistic weapons that it fired in unusually large numbers in 2017 — when many feared a U.S.-North Korea standoff could end in war — it may

signal that North Korea is turning away from diplomacy.

The tensions in 2017 were followed by a surprising diplomatic outreach by North Korea in 2018, when Kim attended summits with the South Korean and Chinese presidents and with Trump. But North Korea has not received what it wants most from its summits: relief from punitive sanctions imposed over its nuclear and missile programs.

A summit earlier this year between Trump and Kim ended in failure, with the United States saying that North Korea was not offering to take enough disarmament steps in return for the widespread sanctions relief it sought.

Just ahead of the Thursday launch, senior defense officials from South Korea,

the United States and Japan met in Seoul to discuss North Korea's earlier launches on Saturday and other security issues. Details from the meeting weren't immediately announced.

Experts who analyzed photos from North Korean state media say it's clear that the North tested a new solid-fuel missile on Saturday that appears to be modeled after Russia's Iskander short-range ballistic missile system.

With the consecutive weapons launches, North Korea is pressuring South Korea to turn away from the United States and support North Korea's position more strongly, said Du Hyegon Cha, a visiting scholar at Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Following the collapse of the Trump-Kim meeting, North Korea demanded that South Korea proceed with joint economic projects that have been held back by U.S.-led sanctions against the North. By firing weapons that directly threaten South Korea but not the U.S. mainland or its Pacific territories, North Korea also appears to be testing how far Washington will tolerate its bellicosity without actually causing the nuclear negotiations to collapse, Cha said.

"To the United States, the North is saying 'don't push me into a corner.' To South Korea, the North is saying the inter-Korean peace agreements could become nothing if Seoul fails to coax major concessions from the United States on behalf of the North," Cha said. □

Brazil ex-President Temer back in custody on graft charges

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil's former President Michel Temer was arrested for a second time on corruption charges Thursday, a sign that the former back-room dealmaker may be running out of moves in the face of a sprawling probe that has roiled Latin America's largest nation.

Temer, 78, was taken to the headquarters of the federal police in São Paulo. It was not immediately clear where he would spend the night, a decision that must be made by a judge. As a former president, Temer was entitled to special accommodations, both as a detainee and prisoners.

Temer's latest legal woes began Wednesday, when a federal judge ordered the former president to return to jail while he's investigated in several cases of alleged corruption related to the Car Wash, a far-reaching probe that



Former Brazilian President Michel Temer, center, leaves his residence inside a federal police vehicle as he turns himself in for arrest on corruption charges as part of a sprawling graft probe in São Paulo, Brazil, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Associated Press

has ensnared many of the country's elite since being launched in 2014.

After Temer left his home in police custody, the former president's daughter, left

the house on foot, declining to speak to journalists. "This is a siege!" she said.

According to the prosecutors, construction company Engevix paid Temer bribes in exchange for a contract to build a nuclear power plant in the city of Angra dos Reis in the southern part of Rio de Janeiro state. Prosecutors alleged in a previous statement that one Engevix executive said in plea bargain testimony that he paid more than \$300,000 in 2014 to a company owned by a close Temer associate, Col. João Baptista Lima Filho. An arrest warrant was also issued for Lima Filho.

Temer was first arrested in March but freed on appeal five days later by a judge who argued he did not pose a risk to the ongoing investigation.

Temer's lawyer, Eduardo Carnelos, has criticized the court's latest decision, calling the former president's detention an "injustice" with "no foundations." □

Argentina lawmaker fights for life after brazen shooting

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — An Argentine lawmaker was seriously injured and a provincial official killed Thursday in one of the most brazen political attacks in the South American country since it returned to democracy in 1983.

Héctor Olivares, representative of La Rioja province in Argentina's lower house of congress, was shot around 7 a.m. local time near the congressional building in Buenos Aires, officials said. He is being treated for gunshot wounds that pierced his abdomen and affected vital organs.

The dead man was identified by Telam state news agency as Miguel Marcelo Yadón, a coordinator who works in the fiduciary of La Rioja's federal electric transportation system. Telam says the men, who reportedly were friends since their teenage years, were shot at least six times. Argentine President Mauricio Macri said doctors were trying to save Olivares' life and he expressed condo-



Police stand near the crime scene where Argentine lawmaker Héctor Olivares was seriously injured and another man killed after they were shot at from a parked car near the congressional building, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Associated Press

lences to Yadón's family. "We're moved by this attack," Macri said in a televised address. "We're praying for Héctor's life ... We will do everything to find out what happened and find out who is guilty of this." As Macri spoke, authorities wearing white jumpsuits

collected evidence at the crime scene.

Local media initially reported that Yadón and Olivares had been shot from a moving vehicle, but a surveillance video of the shooting released by the security ministry showed a parked car waiting for them. As the

men walk by, they're seen being shot at close range. Yadón collapses on the sidewalk, while an injured Olivares tries to get up and holds up his arms in a desperate cry for help. A burly man in the driver's seat then steps out of the car and paces. Another

man also steps out and walks away calmly. When a police officer arrives on the scene, the car drives away slowly.

Security Minister Patricia Bullrich said the shooting "confirms the presence of mafias in our country."

"Yadón was killed from a car that was waiting for him," Bullrich said in a press conference. "They shoot the main target, which was Yadón; they achieve his murder and having the opportunity to murder Olivares, they decide not to kill him."

Bullrich said authorities found the car used in the crime and have identified the suspects, but she said the motive has not been confirmed and is still being investigated.

Local TV broadcast images late Thursday of federal police officers escorting a man suspected of having links to the attack from his apartment into a police car. His face was covered by a hood, and authorities did not release any other details. □

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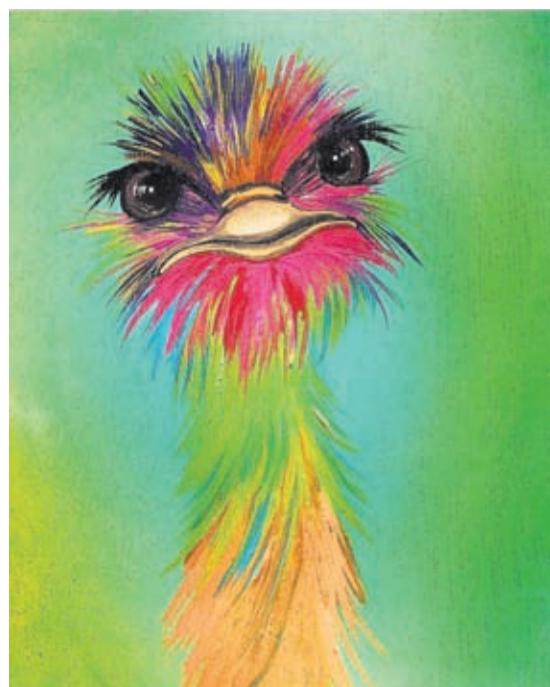

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Friday Erika Moran

This painter captures Aruba's inspiring landscapes and transforms them into exquisite miniature canvas paintings. These paintings, when examined closely, come glazed in gorgeous details and covered with tiny speckles of love. Her work will be exhibited from 7 PM on in the Solo Art Exhibition, San Nicolas.



Saturday Monochrome Art Photography

Cado de Lannoy, Anuar Habibe and Armando Goedgedrag are three talented artists on Aruba. From 2 PM on this Satur-

day you can admire or buy local art photography in a pop-up gallery at Plaza Nicky Habibe. The artist will be on ground, this is the perfect opportunity to come to the POP-UP Gallery to meet local artists, interact and participate with the community.

Anuar Habibe is a stoked about culture. His style is –in his own words- story telling, documentary and street photography. "Those are all related to each other, I capture life moments, life that is happening now while I am working, walking, feeling and moving. My pictures are connected to psychology and sociology. They are about people and their behaviors, our society and life." To summarize you could say that he shows you 'Art in everyday life'. "I show what I feel and often people tell me their interpretation which is a big compliment to me as that means it touched them."



spective. My photography consist of a mixture with selective coloring and black and white photos. Also shooting in full color. Using reclaimed materials for frames sometimes times, I like to keep it creative and new."

Armando Goedgedrag has a passion for nature. He films and photographs nature, for all animals and plants that face extinction. His goal is to create awareness about Aruban nature, especially with the youth and therefore he visits schools and he is member of Korteweg, an organization of young artists aiming to bring art under the

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Heyliger together with Joop Bangma, General Manager of the Marriott Surf Club and Jenny Boekhoudt presented the certificate to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her favorite vacation destination and as her home away from home. □



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SPORTS



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant, right, scores over Houston Rockets' PJ Tucker (17) and Iman Shumpert (1) during the first half of Game 5 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

Warriors star Kevin Durant out for rest of West semifinals

By JANIE McCUALEY
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Durant will miss the remainder of the Golden State Warriors' Western Conference semifinals against the Houston Rockets with a strained right calf.

An MRI exam Thursday confirmed the Warriors' initial diagnosis announced during Wednesday's 104-99 win at Oracle Arena.

The team has returned to Houston for Game 6 on Friday but Durant stayed behind in the Bay Area to undergo treatment. He is scheduled to be re-evaluated next week, meaning if there is a decisive Game 7 in the series Sunday he would be out of that one as well. The Warriors lead the series 3-2.

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Koepka in the hunt at Byron Nelson

Brooks Koepka puts on the first green during the first round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Trinity Forest in Dallas.

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Federer outlasts Monfils to reach Madrid Open quarterfinals

By TALES AZZONI
AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — Facing match point and on a second serve, Roger Federer decided it was time for a "panic move."

So he went into all-out attacking mode, charging to the net to try to avoid a disappointing end to his first clay-court tournament since 2016.

It worked.

A lucky volley, followed by a smash winner, kept Federer in the match. An aggressive forehand two points later allowed him to save a second match point, and he went on to beat Gael Monfils 6-0, 4-6, 7-6 (3) in the third round of the Madrid Open on Thursday.

"I felt my chances were bigger at the net than from the baseline, so it was a desperation, panic move," Federer said. "I was very nervous, so I just figured, 'come to the net, take a chance,' and it worked out."

In only his second match on clay in three years, Federer rallied from three games down late in the third set and then dominated the deciding tiebreaker to outlast Monfils and reach the quarterfinals in a match of more than two hours at the Magic Box center court.

It was the 1,200th career win for Federer, allowing him to join Jimmy Connors as the only male players to have reached the milestone in the Open Era.

"I'm not sure if I've lost a match before after winning the first set 6-0. The statistics show that usually you are in good shape. But with Gael you really never know," Federer said. "He really got into a great groove after that, he had great intensity. At the end I played a great tiebreaker so I'm very relieved and I'm very happy right now."

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic, second-seeded Rafael Nadal and defending champion Alexander Zverev also advanced to the last eight on Thursday.

In the women's quarterfinals, top-ranked Naomi Osaka lost 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to Belinda Bencic, falling to

the Swiss for the second time this season.

Bencic will now face two-time Madrid champion Simona Halep, the former No. 1 who defeated Ashleigh Barty 7-5, 7-5.

American Sloane Stephens got past Petra Martic in two sets and will face Kiki Bertens, who upset defending champion Petra Kvitova 6-2, 6-3 in a rematch of last year's final.

The fourth-seeded Federer had eased past Richard Gasquet in his first match in Madrid and looked set for another comfortable win after routing Monfils in less than 20 minutes in the opening set. But the Swiss lost five straight games to fall behind the 18th-ranked Frenchman who was seeking his second title of the

season.

Federer, who looked frustrated at times, recovered after being down 0-3 and 1-4 in the third set. He saved the two match points in a long game when trailing 5-6. The 20-time Grand Slam champion was back in control in the tiebreaker, winning six of the first seven points.

Monfils, who won only nine points in the first set, was seeking his 19th win this season. He won the Rotterdam title in February.

Federer will next face fifth-seeded Dominic Thiem, who defeated Fabio Fognini 6-4, 7-5. The fifth-ranked Austrian is coming off titles in Barcelona and Indian Wells. He was runner-up in Madrid the last two years. Federer, who earned his



Roger Federer, from Switzerland, returns the ball to Gael Monfils, from France, during the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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20th win of the season, skipped the clay swing the last two years to remain fit for the rest of the season. The Madrid Open is his first clay tournament as he prepares to return to the

French Open after a three-year absence. He has already won two hard-court titles this season, in Dubai and Miami, and is seeking his third Madrid trophy, and first since 2012. □

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McCarthy shoots 63 for 1st-round lead at Byron Nelson

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Denny McCarthy has some loose connections to Jordan Spieth and Tony Romo, the Trinity Forest members in the local spotlight. The former University of Virginia player is on top of the leaderboard after one round at the Byron Nelson.

McCarthy shot a career-low 8-under 63 on Thursday, with 10 birdies over a 12-hole stretch after an early double bogey to take a one-stroke lead over Tyler Duncan and Tom Hoge. Three-time major champion Brooks Koepka, the No. 3-ranked player in the world, was among nine players at 65.

"Gives me the confidence that I know that I can shoot rounds like this," McCarthy said. "I've kind of been looking for a round like this just to kind of get me going. I know I can be out here playing with the best and today kind of showed that." McCarthy was part of the high school Class of 2011 that included three-time major champion Spieth and 2017 PGA Tour player of the year Justin Thomas. That impressive group also produced three consecutive PGA rookies of the year: Daniel Berger (2015), Emiliano Grillo (2016) and Xander Schauffele (2017). All of those now mid-20 somethings have wins, except McCarthy, who is fully exempt on the PGA Tour this season for the first time after winning the Web.com Tour Championship last September.



Brooks Koepka lines up to putt on the first green during the first round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Trinity Forest in Dallas.

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His best PGA Tour finish in his first 42 tournaments was fourth last year in the Dominican Republic at an event opposite the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play. McCarthy played his first two rounds at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club then with Romo, the CBS NFL analyst and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback who missed the cut there in his only two previous PGA Tour starts.

Romo, playing on a sponsor exemption as an amateur at home, had a 76 that included an opening birdie and a chip-in eagle from 66 feet at the 544-yard seventh hole. Those were his only subpar holes in a round with two double bogeys and four bogeys.

"Couple of the tee shots re-

ally cost me just because they're penal in those areas. You can't miss them there," Romo said. "Like I said, the separation between these guys is the ability to do it for long stretches, consistency."

Spieth had a 68 in the afternoon, when the wind picked up after mostly calm conditions for McCarthy and the rest of the morning starters at the links-style course inundated by heavy rain earlier in the week.

"Given the tougher conditions this afternoon and then tomorrow morning, it's just kind of about hanging around and trying to make something happen on the weekend," Spieth said.

McCarthy began his early round with three consecu-

tive pars before a double bogey at the 437-yard fourth, when he had to take a penalty stroke after a wayward tee shot and eventually two-putted from 11 feet. He was still 2 over after another par at No. 5.

"(The double bogey) just kind of made me more calm after that," McCarthy said. "I came out with the mindset I wanted to be aggressive and I wasn't, and then after that double I kind of told myself, you know, just play really, really carefree and have fun with it."

A 9-foot birdie at the 415-yard sixth was the first of five consecutive one-putt birdies, three of those under 6 feet. McCarthy needed only 22 putts, 10 on the back nine. His 10 bird-

ies were three more than he had ever had in a tour round.

"I put in some really nice sessions on the range the last couple of weeks and I didn't come out hitting it like I wanted to," he said. "It's easy just to not make a committed swing, and it cost me a couple shots there. But once I was aware that I wasn't in that aggressive mindset, kind of put me right back in and was able to get the round going."

All three of Koepka's major wins have come since his last Nelson in 2017, when the tournament was still at the Four Seasons resort before moving south of downtown Dallas last year. He had never been on the front nine before Thursday, having practiced only on the back nine Tuesday before Wednesday's pro-am was washed out.

After four consecutive birdies in the middle of his round (at Nos. 17, 18, 1 and 2), Koepka finished with three birdies and two bogeys on the last five holes. His approach at No. 6 went over the green into a bunker for a bogey, and his missed the green with his approach at No. 9, his finishing hole.

"Other than that, I struck the ball beautifully," said Koepka, the two-time U.S. Open winner who next week will defend his PGA Championship title. "Hitting it good and putting it good, it doesn't matter. Played a lot of golf courses where I really haven't seen the golf course and gone to play. You've got a yardage book." □

Pavelski leads Sharks past Avalanche 3-2 in Game 7

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Joe Pavelski was positioned just a few feet away from the spot where he was bleeding from his head on the ice just over two weeks ago when he did what he has done so often in his brilliant career. Pavelski got his stick on a shot that he redirected into the net to give the San Jose Sharks a Game 7 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

The Sharks got their captain

back and are moving on to the Western Conference final.

Pavelski made a triumphant return from a gruesome head injury by posting a goal and an assist in the first period that helped send the Sharks to a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

"I got to watch these guys play for six games. They gave a lot of motivation

for me," Pavelski said. "They were there for me. I wanted to come out and give them a good game as well. There wasn't going to be one guy who won this game and there wasn't. It was a big group effort out there."

But no one was more important than Pavelski, who inspired the crowd and carried his team to another Game 7 victory after the epic comeback in the first

round against Vegas following his injury. He scored the first goal and assisted on Tomas Hertl's goal as the Sharks advanced to their fourth conference final this decade.

"He played unbelievable for a guy that missed play-off action for two weeks," teammate Logan Couture said. "To have the injuries that he has, coming back, and set up a goal, scored a goal. I wish I could tell you

what he's gone through from seeing it firsthand. You wouldn't believe that he's playing right now, let's just say that. He played unbelievable." Joonas Donskoi ended a 39-game goal drought, Martin Jones made 14 of his 27 saves in the third period and the Sharks capitalized on a favorable replay review that negated a potential game-tying goal by Colorado in the second period. □



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Heyward homer gives Cubs 3-2 win in 11th in Russell's return

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Heyward homered leading off the 11th inning to lift surging Chicago over Miami in Addison Russell's return to the majors following a 40-game ban for violating MLB's domestic violence policy.

Heyward lined a 1-2 pitch from Jose Quijada (0-1) into the basket in left field, helping Chicago hang on after blowing a 2-1 lead in the ninth. Carl Edwards Jr. (1-1), recalled from the minors Monday, pitched a perfect 11th with two strikeouts to get the win.

The Cubs won their second straight game on a walk-off shot. Kris Bryant hit a three-run drive in the ninth Tuesday in a 5-2 win.

Kyle Hendricks allowed an unearned run and five hits over eight innings. Javier Baez drove in a run, and Anthony Rizzo had two hits and sparkling fielding plays on two bunts as Chicago won for the ninth time in 10 games.

BREWERS 7, NATIONALS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Christian Yelich hit his major-leading-leading 16th home run and Milwaukee won its sixth straight game, beating Washington.

The Nationals lost all three at Miller Park, marking the first time they've been swept this season, and have dropped four in a row overall.

Washington loaded the bases with one out in the ninth inning, but Josh Hader struck out pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki and Adam Eaton for his 10th save in 10 chances. Mike Moustakas and Manny Pina also connected for Milwaukee, which leads the National League with 65 home runs.

Yelich's solo homer came on the fourth pitch of the game from Jeremy Hellickson (2-1). The reigning NL MVP finished with three hits and scored twice.

Brandon Woodruff (5-1) struck out a career-high nine while notching his third straight win. He gave up one run in six innings.

DODGERS 9, BRAVES 4

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Enriqués Hernández, Max Muncy and Justin Turner each homered, and Los Angeles beat Atlanta for its 10th straight win at home, where it earned a third consecutive sweep.

Clayton Kershaw (2-0) gave up four runs and a season-high nine hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out a season-low four and walked one to remain unbeaten in 11 career starts against the Braves.

The Dodgers took an early 3-0 lead against Mike Foltynewicz (0-2). Hernández homered into the left field pavilion with two outs in the second. Muncy's blast to right came in the third.

The Braves pulled to 3-2 in the fourth on Ronald Acuña Jr.'s two-run homer.

PHILLIES 5, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jerad Eickhoff allowed three hits in eight innings, César Hernández homered and drove in three and Philadelphia beat St. Louis.

Aided by a pair of double plays, Eickhoff (2-1) faced just two batters over the minimum through the first seven innings as the NL East-leading Phillies took two of three from the Cardinals.

After winning 20 of their first 30 games, the Cardinals lost for the sixth time in their last seven.

Jack Flaherty (3-3) faced just one batter over the minimum in his first four innings before getting derailed by a 43-pitch fifth.

RANGERS 9, PIRATES 6

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Hunter Pence connected for a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning and Isiah Kiner-Falefa drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth as Texas rallied past Pittsburgh.

Kiner-Falefa doubled off Tyler Lyons (1-1) and an offline relay throw allowed Nomar Mazara to score. Rougned Odor followed with a two-run homer.

Ariel Jurado (1-1) worked the eighth and got the ball to Chris Martin, who earned his first save of the season and first since 2015.

Joey Gallo gave Texas the early lead with a two-run shot that bounced off the concourse beyond the right-center field wall and landed in the Allegheny River. The estimated 443-foot blast was Gallo's 100th career home run in his 377th game, making him the fastest player to 100 homers in American League history. He also became the first player in major league history to hit 100 home runs before reaching 100 singles (he has 93). Pirates first baseman Josh Bell's estimated 472-foot drive tied the game in the fourth inning and is the fourth ever to reach the river on a fly.

PADRES 3, METS 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hunter Renfroe hit a tiebreaking solo shot in the seventh inning, center fielder Manuel Margot robbed Pete Alonso of a homer and San Diego beat New York. Eric Hosmer also went deep for San Diego, Matt Strahm pitched into the seventh



Chicago Cubs' Jason Heyward celebrates after hitting a game-winning solo home run against the Miami Marlins during the 11th inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Chicago.

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and Gerardo Reyes (2-0) got the win with 1 2/3 scoreless innings of relief. Strahm got a big assist from Margot, who jumped in front of the home bullpen to bring back Alonso's drive for the last out in the sixth. Kirby Yates allowed an infield single and a walk with

two outs in the ninth but struck out Tomas Nido to finish his 15th save. Renfroe's shot against reliever Tyler Bashlor (0-1) was his ninth of the year and came three days after his game-ending, pinch-hit grand slam sank the Dodgers. □

Flores' 13th-inning single lifts Diamondbacks over Rays, 3-2

By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— Wilmer Flores snapped a 13th-inning tie with an RBI single, helping the Arizona Diamondbacks end a three-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday.

Eduardo Escobar made up for a crucial throwing error, leading off the 13th with a single off Adam Kolarek (2-

1) — Arizona's first hit since the fifth inning. He moved to second on a double-play grounder before scoring on Flores' two-out broken-bat hit to right field off Chaz Roe.

Archie Bradley (2-3) pitched three scoreless innings to get the win. Zack Godley, the eighth Diamondbacks pitcher, worked a perfect 13th for his first career save. Arizona pitchers combined to set a franchise record with 23 strikeouts.

The Rays rallied from a 2-0 deficit to force extra innings, scoring on Escobar's eighth-inning error and Kevin Kiermaier's two-out, pinch-hit single in the ninth.

RED SOX 2, ORIOLES 1, 12 INNINGS

BALTIMORE (AP) — Andrew Benintendi homered in the 12th inning, and Boston received a masterful pitching performance from Chris Sale and a game-saving catch from Jackie Bradley Jr.

With their fifth win in six games, the Red Sox reached .500 (19-19) for the first time since they were 1-1.

Benintendi connected off Yefry Ramirez (0-1) after the game appeared to have reached its conclusion in the bottom of the

11th, when Trey Mancini hit a drive to deep center. Bradley ran back, dug his right foot into the barrier for leverage and reached far over the 7-foot wall to snag the ball.

Mancini tipped his helmet to Bradley to acknowledge the catch, which enabled Ryan Brasier (2-1) to earn the victory. Heath Hembree struck out the side in the 12th for his first save.

INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 3

MARINERS 10, YANKEES 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Yusei Kikuchi was brilliant on the mound in his Yankee Stadium debut, Ryon Healy had four extra-base hits and Seattle routed New York.

Healy homered and hit three doubles to help the Mariners win for only the second time in 10 games. Mitch Haniger and Edwin Encarnación also went deep as Seattle (20-19), which opened 13-2 this year, avoided dropping below .500 for the first time since the final day of the 2017 season.

Kikuchi (2-1) pitched three-hit ball over 7 2/3 innings. After the game, Yankees manager Aaron Boone said he was aware cameras showed a dark substance — perhaps illegal pine tar — smudged under the brim of the rookie's cap.

Encarnación had a sacrifice fly in the first and a solo shot off Jonathan Loaisiga (1-1) in the fifth.

ASTROS 9, ROYALS 0

HOUSTON (AP) — Michael Brantley homered twice, Brad Peacock pitched seven innings and Josh James completed the three-hitter in Houston's win.

Peacock (3-2) allowed three hits and set a ca-



Tampa Bay Rays' Tommy Pham, left, gets tagged out by Arizona Diamondbacks catcher John Ryan Murphy at home plate while trying to score on an RBI-single by Kevin Kiermaier during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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reer high with 12 strikeouts to help the Astros bounce back after a 12-2 loss on Tuesday night. Peacock also rebounded after allowing seven runs in just 3 2/3 innings in his previous start. James struck out five in the last two innings.

George Springer and Carlos Correa also homered to give the Astros 16 home runs combined in their past five games. Houston led 2-0 with one out and one on in the third when Brantley sent a pitch from Jorge Lopez (0-4) into the seats in right field behind the bullpen to make it 4-0.

TWINS 9, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Jorge Polanco had his second career five-hit game, including a two-run home run, Kyle Gibson (3-1) struck out a career-high 11 and Minnesota beat Toronto, completing a three-game sweep.

Eddie Rosario hit his AL-leading 13th home run, one of four long balls by

the Twins. Minnesota had 18 hits, one shy of its season high. C.J. Cron had a two-run homer among his four hits and Jonathan Schoop added a two-run shot.

Toronto has lost a season-high five straight and eight of nine overall. Trent Thornton (0-4) allowed five runs and seven hits in two-plus innings, the shortest start of his brief career.

TIGERS 10, ANGELS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Ronny Rodriguez drove in a career-high four runs and Matthew Boyd pitched six strong innings, helping Detroit beat Los Angeles.

Boyd (4-2) allowed only one run on David Fletcher's leadoff homer and just two more hits after the blast to left.

Shohei Ohtani, who was 0 for 4 for Los Angeles in his season debut Tuesday, was 0 for 3 with two strikeouts and was hit on his right elbow by a pitch. Tyler Skaggs (3-3) gave up eight runs — seven earned — on

eight hits and two walks over 4 2/3 innings.

ATHLETICS 5, REDS 4, 13 INNINGS

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Piscotty homered leading off the bottom of the 13th, lifting the Athletics over the Cincinnati Reds.

One day after Mike Fiers pitched the 13th no-hitter in franchise history, the A's got a big lift out of their bullpen and then won it on Piscotty's winner off Robert Stephenson (2-1). The home run, which was smashed over the out-of-town scoreboard in left field, was reviewed and upheld. It was Oakland's second walkoff hit this season.

Piscotty also had an RBI single, Jurickson Profar homered for the second consecutive day and Ramon Laureano added three hits for the A's.

Liam Hendriks (1-0), the seventh pitcher used by Oakland manager Bob Melvin, retired three batters to win. □

Not a sticky situation: Kikuchi's hat draws looks, no action

NEW YORK (AP) — Whatever was smeared under the hat of Seattle pitcher Yu-sei Kikuchi, it hasn't turned into a sticky situation for the Mariners, New York Yankees or Major League Baseball.

A day after a dark substance was spotted under the bill of Kikuchi's cap in a win at Yankee Stadium —

possibly illegal pine tar — all sides kept cool.

MLB issued no penalty or even a statement on the matter Thursday.

"It'll work itself out," Mariners manager Scott Servais said before the series wrapped up.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone said his team looked at the tape and even

though he "had thoughts about it," he wouldn't make them public.

"We'll kind of handle it behind the scenes, how we think it's proper," he said.

Pitchers across the majors are known to use a bit of pine tar to get a better grip, that's not a secret. And hitters are generally OK with that, preferring balls are

thrown with control.

For the most part, pitchers keep the sticky substance out of sight. In 2014, then-Yankees starter Michael Pineda was suspended 10 games after umpires easily spotted pine tar slathered on his neck during a chilly night at Fenway Park.

Crew chief Dana DeMuth said the umpires didn't see

the blotch under Kikuchi's cap and that no one on either side mentioned it during the game. "Nobody said a thing," he said Thursday. "He wasn't doing anything suspicious. In fact, he kept getting a new ball, and he'd throw the old one out toward the Yankees dugout. It wasn't like he was trying to hide anything." □

Not just Giannis: Deep Bucks roar into East finals

By CHARLES F. GARDNER

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo has carried the Milwaukee Bucks to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 2001.

The Bucks have reason to believe they can go even further, thanks to a deep roster that received a boost with the return of guard Malcolm Brogdon for the clinching game of their semifinal series win over the Boston Celtics.

Brogdon missed the Bucks' first eight playoff games and final 13 regular-season games with a plantar fascia injury in his right foot. He was able to shake off some of the rust as he scored 10 points and played 17 minutes in Milwaukee's 116-91 victory over Boston in Game 5 on Wednesday.

"It was like he never left," Bucks center Brook Lopez said of Brogdon's long-awaited return. "He just picked everyone up. Our crowd felt it; our team felt it."

Now the Bucks will turn their attention to a conference final matchup against either Toronto or Philadelphia. Either way, they will host the first two games next week — and the reserves are heating up.

Bench play was critical in the team's four straight victories against Boston after the Celtics handily won Game 1. Veteran point guard George Hill averaged 14.2 points in the series while shooting 59.6% from the field (28 of 47) and 47.4% from three-point range (9 of 19).

Pat Connaughton and Ersan Ilyasova also played key roles off the bench, and the pair combined for 17 points and 17 rebounds in the series clincher. Connaughton soared for rebounds and made key 3-pointers during the series, while Ilyasova played with grit and added timely baskets.

"We take pride in our depth so much," Lopez said. "We always say in the game,



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo is fouled by Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum during the first half of Game 5 of a second round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Milwaukee.

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'No let up, no let up.' We really feel we have no drop-off, regardless of who we have on the floor."

The 33-year-old Hill, who has played in 111 career postseason games and reached the NBA Finals with Cleveland last year, said there is something special at work with this Bucks team.

"We all enjoy playing together," Hill said. "It's hard to come by a team when no one hates each other, no one has animosity and no one cares who scores the most or who gets the most shots. This team has one thing in common: We all want to be competitive and we all want to win. When you have a team like that, it makes it easy when you're out there."

In Brogdon's absence, Sterling Brown moved into the starting lineup and played well during the final stretch of the regular season. After the Bucks' poor effort in the opener against Boston, Nikola Mirotic was inserted as a starter at small forward and Brown went to the bench. Mirotic contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds in 28 minutes on Wednesday.

"It's a big confidence booster when they put trust in you and also your teammates," Mirotic said. "It was not about shots. It

was about good energy, playing good defense. ... Just play simple. With guys who share the ball this way, it's easy to play."

Brogdon became just the eighth NBA player in league history to finish a season with 50-40-90 mark, meaning he shot better than 50% from the field, 40% from 3-point range and 90% from the free throw line. He worked diligently with the training staff to be able to return at such a critical time. Coach Mike Budenholzer was encouraged with what he saw.

"He actually played more than we anticipated," Budenholzer said. "I think it was right at six weeks to come in and play in a playoff game. To contribute in a positive way speaks to his work ethic, his professionalism, his toughness."

The Bucks will continue to rely on the sensational play of Antetokounmpo, who is averaging 27.4 points and 11.3 rebounds through nine playoff games.

The league MVP candidate is excited for the challenge waiting in the next round and a chance to reach the NBA Finals, a place the Bucks have not been since 1974. That was the last time they won a conference crown, too, and it came three years after the franchise's only NBA title. □



Houston Rockets' James Harden, left, and Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (35) react to a referee's call during the second half of Game 5 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in Oakland, Calif.

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KEVIN DURANT

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"It's a tough injury," teammate Klay Thompson said. "We'll have to collectively make up for what he does. We've done it before. It's going to be incredibly difficult. It's the playoffs. I know they're not going to feel sorry for us, the media, the fans. It will be a gut check time. We go down there and give it our best effort. That's all we can do. If we do that, I have confidence every man on this team will step up in his absence. We wish him a speedy recovery because we're not the same team without him." Durant limped to the locker room after landing awkwardly on his right foot following a baseline jumper with 2:11 left in the third quarter Wednesday.

The Warriors initially feared the two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP might have injured his Achilles, a far more serious issue.

Durant, who leads all post-season scorers at 34.2 points per game, finished with 22 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Golden State has been without injured stars like Durant, Stephen Curry, Draymond Green or Klay Thompson in big games before. The Warriors coaching staff planned to use the flight to reconfigure rotations for Game 6 without Durant.

"Any time you see something like that, it's scary," Curry said after the game. "You could see the look on his face. He didn't really understand what was happening in that moment, trying to figure it out, went

straight back to the locker room. During the timeout, we all looked at each other. There were a couple smiles in terms of what that meant for us as a team, the guys that were going to need to step up in those moments. Again, next-man-up mentality. Draymond said that at some point during that timeout.

"It's hard to remove yourself from thinking about your teammate and your brother as he's back in the locker room getting checked out. But we were able to lock back in and just find a way to win the game. Now we can regroup and understand whatever the situation is going forward."

Kevon Looney will certainly play more minutes as he did Wednesday. The big man grabbed nine rebounds, five on the offensive glass, to provide a big boost off the bench.

"We're still really positive," Looney said. "Our team's been battle-tested, we've had to play without key guys before so whatever happens, happens. We're ready and we're confident that we have enough to win." □

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Google's privacy promises don't sway many experts

By RACHEL LERMAN and MATT O'BRIEN

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Google announced new privacy tools Tuesday intended to give people more control over how they're being tracked on the go or in their own home, part of a broader effort by big tech companies to counter increasing scrutiny of their data collection practices.

Trouble is, few experts appear ready to celebrate Google's moves.

CEO Sundar Pichai kicked off the company's annual developer conference by noting that the company wants to do more to stay ahead of "constantly evolving user expectations" on privacy.

That focus echoed throughout the day, with the company demonstrating how many of its artificial intelligence capabilities — including some facial recognition and voice searches — are beginning to be processed on devices, rather than by constantly sending information to company servers.

Some critics, however, say Google's privacy updates sidestep more substantial changes that could threaten its ad-driven business model.

"They're sort of marginal improvements," said Jeremy Tillman, president of Ghostery, which provides ad-blocking and anti-tracking software. "They are not bad, but they almost seem like they're designed to give the company a better messaging push instead of



Google's Alexander Hunter gives a demonstration of the Nest Hub Max at the Google I/O conference in Mountain View, Calif., Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

making wholesale improvements to user privacy."

Google also announced updates for its artificially intelligent voice assistant as well as a cheaper Pixel phone and a rebranding of its smart-home products.

Data privacy and security at Google and its Big Tech counterparts have been under the microscope for more than a year now. Facebook dedicated much of its own conference last week to connecting people through more private channels rather than broadly on the social network.

Google announced smaller but tangible changes across many of its products. The company makes billions of dollars annually by selling digital ads that are targeted at the interests people reveal through their

search requests and data collected by Google apps and services.

For instance, the company said it will extend an "incognito mode" feature to its Google Maps and search apps. When activated, the app won't record user searches or movements, analogous to how the same feature works in its Chrome browser and YouTube now.

The latest version of Google's Android phone software will also alert users when apps may be exploiting access to phone location data, which Stephanie Cuthbertson, an Android senior director, called "some of your most personal information." Android Q, as the new operating system is currently known, will also let users restrict apps' access to location more

generally — for instance, by only allowing apps currently in use to gather the data. (Some apps record location data continuously in the background.)

Location data has been a sore subject for Google. In 2018, an Associated Press investigation found that Google continued storing phone location data even when users turned off a "location history" setting in Android.

The company also revealed plans to overhaul Chrome to let users rein in so-called tracking cookies, which are bits of software that follow people around on the web. The move, which could have major repercussions for the digital advertising industry, would require companies to identify cookies used by third-party websites and adver-

tisers to track users.

"Unimpressive," declared Princeton computer scientist Jonathan Mayer, who said the scheme would be easy for advertisers to evade. "This is not privacy leadership — this is privacy theater."

In coming months, Google said that change will enable users to clear most of those tracking cookies without disturbing others that keep users logged into sites or that personalize website settings. Chrome currently only allows people to clear all cookies. Competing browsers such as Apple's Safari and Mozilla's Firefox already build in privacy tools to block sites from tracking online activity.

To Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the privacy measures remain unimpressive. "Unless the Federal Trade Commission is prepared to bring enforcement actions against companies, these promises to protect privacy matter very little," he said.

On the AI front, Google said its digital assistant will get a series of updates this year, including one that lets it book rental cars and movie tickets.

Google says its assistant will be able to make the bookings using online forms on Android phones later this year. The technology behind this, called Duplex, was announced with much fanfare last year when Google demonstrated it making a call to book a restaurant reservation. □



In this Jan. 9, 2018, file photo, people attend CES International in Las Vegas.

High-tech sex toy for women wins back a rescinded award

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — A trade group has reinstated an award to the makers of a robotic sex toy for women that it had taken away four months ago for not keeping with its image. The Consumer Technology Association on Wednesday restored the Consumer Electronics Show's 2019 Innovation Award in the ro-

botics and drones category to the Osé "robotic massager" by the Lora DiCarlo company.

The association says it recognizes the "innovative technology" and "reiterates its sincere apology" to the developer.

Association spokesperson Jean Foster says in a statement that "CTA did not

handle this award properly." An independent panel of judges had selected the Osé last fall, but the Consumer Electronics Show's organizer later said it was ineligible.

Lora DiCarlo called it sexism, noting that "a literal sex doll for men was launched on the floor at CES in 2018." □

Stocks tumble around world as trade-war deadline approaches

By STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks slumped with markets around the world Thursday as the hours tick toward a midnight deadline in the next front on the U.S.-China trade war.

Tensions between the world's two largest economies are dragging down stocks from Mumbai to Milan as a deadline of 12:01 a.m. Eastern time Friday approaches, when the United States said it would impose more tariffs on Chinese goods. The worries about trade have halted what has been the hottest start to a year for U.S. stocks in decades, and the S&P 500 index is on pace for its worst week of 2019.

The S&P 500 fell 0.5%, as of 12:36 p.m. Eastern time, and was on pace for its fourth straight loss. It has essentially given back all of the gains made in April, though it's still up about 14% for the year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 189 points, or 0.7%, to 25,781, and the Nasdaq composite fell 0.5%.

In overseas markets on



In this April 2, 2019, file photo specialist Gregg Maloney, left, and trader Tommy Kalikas work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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Thursday, South Korea's Kospi index skidded 3%, while the Hang Seng in Hong Kong lost 2.4% and Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.9%. In Europe, the French CAC 40 lost 1.9%, Germany's Dax dropped 1.7% and the FTSE 100 in London fell 0.9%. The U.S. government has filed plans to raise tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports from 10% to 25%. The Trump administra-

tion has also threatened to extend 25% tariffs to another \$325 billion in Chinese imports, covering everything China ships to the United States.

If the increases take effect as planned, Beijing will impose "necessary countermeasures," the Commerce Ministry said. It gave no details but a ministry spokesman said Beijing has made "all necessary prepara-

tions," suggesting it might be bracing for worsening conflict.

Such moves would mark a sharp escalation in the trade dispute that has raised prices on goods for consumers and companies.

Negotiations are scheduled to continue in Washington on Thursday and to include China's top trade official, raising some hopes

in the markets that there will be a last-minute deal to prevent another round of tariffs.

In the meantime, selling was widespread for stocks, and more than 90% of the stocks in the S&P 500 were lower.

All 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500 were down, with technology companies taking some of the sharpest losses. Many companies in the sector get much of their revenue from China. Tech stocks in the S&P 500 fell 0.8%.

Raw material producers and financial stocks also sank sharply.

Occidental Petroleum tumbled 6.2% after Chevron pulled out of a potential bidding war with the company to buy Anadarko. Energy companies also fell with the price of oil, as benchmark U.S. dropped 1.4% to \$61.27 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 1% to \$69.68 per barrel.

CenturyLink dropped to the sharpest loss in the S&P 500, down 9.8%, after the communications provider reported slightly weaker revenue for the latest quarter

SoftBank profits rise, partly on gains from Saudi-tied fund

By YURI KAGEYAMA

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese technology company SoftBank has reported a 36% year-on-year increase in profit for the fiscal year through March, partly on gains from its Vision Fund.

After the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, SoftBank said it would diversify sources of its funding for investments. Much of the Vision Fund money had come from Saudi Arabia.

SoftBank Group Corp., whose mobile subsidiary is boosting its stake in Yahoo Japan to 45% from 12%, said Thursday that its annual profit totaled 1.4 trillion yen (\$12.8 billion). The Tokyo-based company did not break down quarterly net profit figures, or offer forecasts.

Chief Executive Masayoshi Son said a second Vi-

sion Fund of about the same scale as the first one, counting new investors as well as previous ones, will be announced soon. The exact amount, date and structure of the fund are still undecided.

The first fund totaled about \$100 billion in investments. Son told reporters it had been a success.

He said he will continue to invest in artificial intelligence and other technologies that can enhance businesses like ride-sharing and medical services by anticipating demand or spotting cancer in very early stages.

"AI will work as an innovation for all sectors," he told reporters, saying the so-called internet revolution had revived just advertising and consumer retailing.

The SoftBank Vision Fund is

the top investor, with a 16% stake, in Uber Technologies, whose IPO is set for Friday. SoftBank Group, which has invested in British IoT com-

panies, internet and solar electricity services, and developed Pepper, the talking companion robot.

Sprint's proposed merger



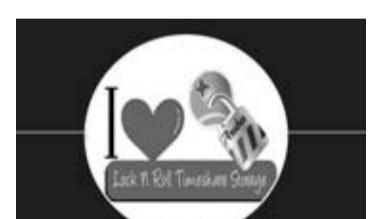
In this April 15, 2019, photo, people walk under the logo of Japanese telecoms company Softbank Corp. at its mobile phone shop in Tokyo.

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with T-Mobile is still being reviewed by U.S. regulators.

SoftBank Group shares have gyrated but gradually risen, nearly doubling in value over the last five years. □



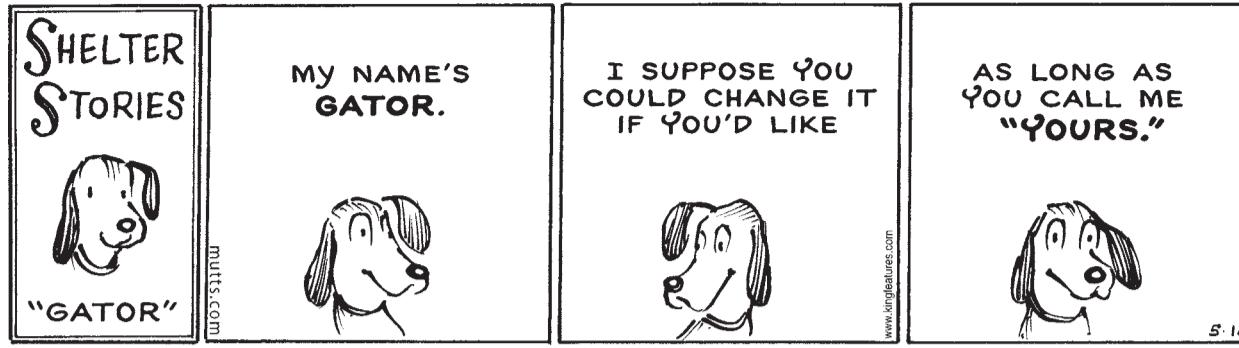
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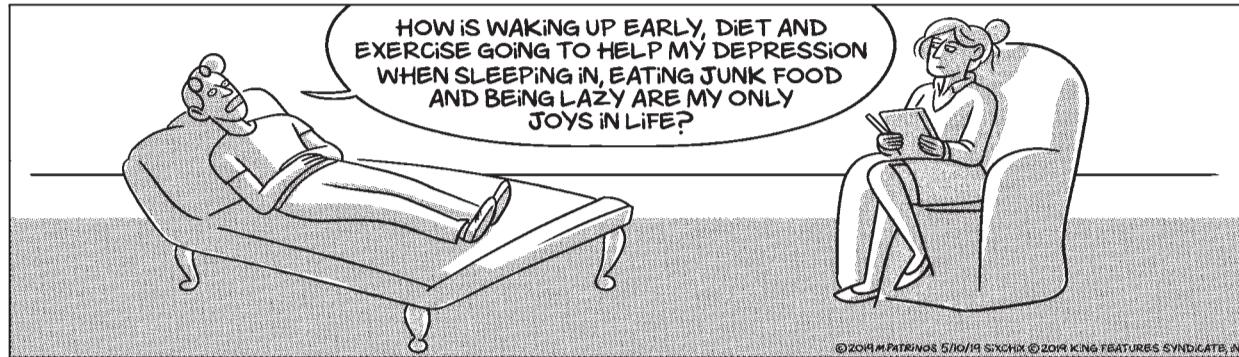
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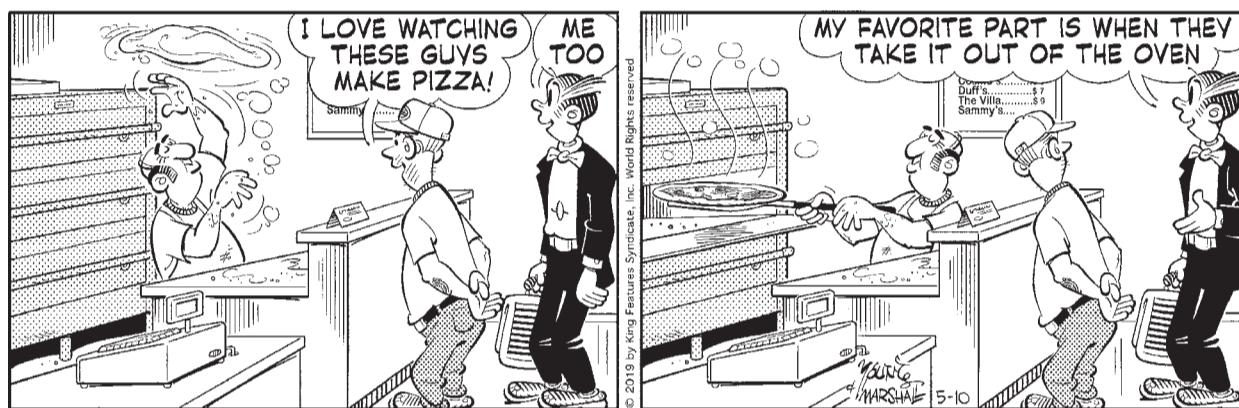
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4 Rascal
9 ___ of luck!"
13 Hoodwink
14 One and two
15 Pearl Harbor's location
16 Singles
17 Arrested after escaping
19 Sault ___. Marie
20 Banquet
21 Hemingway's "The Sun Also ___"
22 Like fresh potato chips
24 Kourtney, to Khloe & Kim
25 Can't stand
27 Summarizes
30 Leaves suddenly
31 Practical joke
33 Maroon or ruby
35 Reclines
36 Liquid
37 Paper towel brand
38 Suffix for baron or host
39 Circular
40 Romeo
41 Prose compositions
43 Word of warning
44 Strike
45 Midsection
46 Jed Clampett's portrayer
49 Venetian blind parts
51 Leprechaun
54 Hearty gullaw
56 Forest animal
57 Arrestee's hope
58 Concur
59 Secretary's slipup
60 Totals
61 Michelob & Bud Lights
62 Jazz guitarist Montgomery

4 Emotional tension
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7 Veal or venison
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50 Attract; tempt
52 Trips across the pool
53 To and ___
55 Friendly dog, for short
56 Initials for Tuskegee's Booker

Zits



Just add water: Salt battery could help renewable energy use

BERLIN (AP) — Amid the hum and heat of Berlin's Reuter thermal power station stands a shining contraption that looks out of place in the decades-old machine hall.

Its silver pipes and vats contain a substance that Vattenfall, the plant's operator, says could become a key ingredient for a fossil fuel-free future.

The energy company, together with a Swedish start-up, is testing the use of salt — though not quite the common table variety — to store heat, which accounts for more than half the power consumed in Germany. If it works well, the system could help solve a problem posed by renewable energy sources like wind and solar the world over: they are unreliable, meaning they sometimes generate too much, and sometimes too little power.

"Germany currently has enough installed renewable energy capacity to produce twice as much as it needs, it's just not constant," says Hendrik Roeglin, who oversees the salt storage project for Vattenfall. Rival utility E.ON recently calculated that solar and wind power generated up to 52 gigawatt hours of electricity during peak daylight hours on Easter Monday. Germany's energy consumption at the time was just 49.5 gigawatt hours.

"With many facilities like this one, in theory you wouldn't need gas or other fossil fuel backups," said Roeglin.

Phasing out nuclear, coal and gas is an ambitious undertaking for a heavily industrialized country such as Germany. The government has set a deadline to shutter all the country's nuclear plants by 2022 and



Personnel look up at an experimental salt-based heat storage facility at Berlin's Reuter thermal power station on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

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stop burning coal for electricity by 2038; gas will be a stop-gap technology until a way is found to rely wholly on renewable technology sometime around the middle of the century.

The plan, known as the Energiewende, or energy transition, is being closely watched by other countries trying to figure out how to curb greenhouse gas emissions and meet the Paris climate accord that aims to keep global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit). Experts agree that a range of technological solutions will be necessary to replace fossil fuels, some already existing and some still

at the experimental phase. California-based automaker Tesla has already shown in Australia that it can provide large lithium-ion battery systems to stabilize electricity grids.

At the Reuter power plant in Berlin, which supplies 600,000 households in the capital with heat, the solution now includes calcium oxide, also known as quicklime. Vattenfall and Swedish start-up SaltX have been taking advantage of a simple chemical reaction that occurs when quicklime becomes wet: the salt-like grains soak up the water, becoming calcium hydroxide and releasing large amounts of heat in the pro-

cess. By removing the water again — a process not dissimilar to baking — the substance turns back into calcium oxide.

The process essentially mirrors how batteries work, except that instead of electricity, the system stores heat. SaltX says it has also patented a way of covering the quicklime with tiny particles — known as a nano-coating — to prevent it from lumping together after several heating and cooling cycles.

Roeglin says the process can absorb ten times more energy than water, which is currently used for power-to-heat facilities. And unlike tanks of hot water, which

slowly cool down over time, the system can retain the chemically-trapped energy for far longer. Need heat? Just add water.

The pilot project in Berlin can currently store enough energy to heat about 100 large houses. But SaltX says the facility could easily be scaled up and provide heat to any of the homes or offices already connected to the capital's district heating system. Such networks — consisting of pipes pumping hot water or steam from power plants to consumers — exist in many European countries, Canada, the United States, Japan and China.

"It makes total sense to try this because storing energy is a hugely important step in future," said Kai Hufendiek, an energy economist at the University of Stuttgart.

Hufendiek, who isn't involved with the project, said that if the system can produce temperatures above 500 degrees Celsius — as SaltX claims — this also makes it interesting for industrial applications such as food processing.

SaltX also notes that the calcium oxide currently mined in Finland could be safely recycled, giving it an edge over some battery technologies that use rare or toxic materials.

"If your ambition is to be fossil-free within a generation, you have to consider various alternatives to reach that," a representative of SaltX, Simon Ahlin, said during a visit to the facility. "This is a solution that's available in a short time frame."

Roeglin, the engineer, is waiting till the end of the year to see how the test pans out. "It may be one part of the puzzle," he said. □

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Actress hopes to open more doors for more Native Americans

BY RAGAN CLARK

NEW YORK (AP) — Newcomer Sivan Alyra Rose represents a rarity as one of the few people of Native American descent to star in a Netflix series — or any television series, for that matter. But she hopes her breakthrough in "Chambers" will encourage more opportunities for women like her.

"I think 'Chambers' is really (at the forefront of) an important conversation of inclusion and how simple it really can be," said the 19-year-old actress from the San Carlos Apache tribe.

The show centers around Sasha Yazzie, who receives a heart transplant and starts having disturbing visions and impulses that lead her on a quest to learn more about her deceased donor.

While Rose describes "Chambers" as a supernatural horror show, she says it touches on real-life issues as well.



This April 15, 2019 file photo shows Sivan Alyra Rose at the season premiere of Netflix's "Chambers" in New York.

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"Real life has its stress. Real life has its scares and real life ... plays into the fantasy world at the same time," she said.

The show also explores real-life cultural issues af-

fecting Native Americans, including the use of its mascots and other imagery in mainstream culture. In one scene, Sasha sees a mural of a Native American on horseback, wearing a

feathered headdress and lifting a tomahawk into the air.

"I went to a high school that was off a reservation town and there's so much insensitivity in the world. Those

kinds of murals, they're everywhere. We have football teams, we have high schools across the country that love to wear war bonnets to their football games on Friday nights," said Rose. "We've got to stop covering up that there's bad things in the world and that there's insensitivity."

Rose hopes that the show gives a more realistic representation of Native American culture, calling her character "an Instagram loving, super cute teen girl." "And that's literally everyone else on the (reservation) that I grew up with," said Rose. "That's all I hope they see, too, is like, 'Yeah, she's very normal.' And Native American, the subject, it sounds dark and it's ominous and so big and grand, but ... we're still here and we're nice people."

Besides Rose, other Native Americans who are part of the series include executive story editor Jason Gavin, as well as other Native American cast and crew. □

Louis Vuitton show transports guests without flight at JFK

NEW YORK (AP) — Louis Vuitton's cruise show transported guests back in time as it showcased flashy 1980s-inspired outfits in a decidedly retro venue: the spacey, once-abandoned TWA terminal at JFK Airport. The white concrete and glass structure, with its smooth curves invoking an aircraft from the future, was as much a draw as the designs by Louis Vuitton creative director Nicolas Ghesquière. Designed by Finnish architect Eero Saarinen, the terminal was a sensation when it debuted in the early 1960s and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was closed in 2001 when the TWA airline shut down but is getting a new life and is set to reopen next week as an attraction that includes a hotel, shopping and restaurants.

For the Louis Vuitton show, the inside was transformed into a tropical oasis overflowing with tropical foliage that stretched even into the bathrooms; the center-



A model walks the runway during the Louis Vuitton Cruise 2020 collection presentation, Wednesday, May 8, 2019, in New York.

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piece staircase above was made even more dramatic amid a sea of green, while retro signs including an old school flight departure board hung above. Jennifer Connelly, part of a starry celebrity contingent

that included Emma Stone, Cate Blanchett, Julianne Moore, Karlie Kloss, Willow Smith, Michelle Williams and newlyweds Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner, said the terminal was among the reasons she came out

Wednesday night. "It's bold and innovative," she told The Associated Press. "There's nothing that looks quite like it." Connelly wore a Louis Vuitton piece from last year's cruise show, a flowery blue

and pink dress that looked partly inspired by the Victorian era with its layered, wide collars.

But for this show, Ghesquière seemed to be inspired by the glamour of the 1980s; models walked down the expansive two-level runway in satin-like miniskirts accented with a billowing top layer; a white leather jacket that had black lower sleeves with a checkered print looked like it could have fit in any video from the early days of MTV. One black suit dress with pinstripes had its shoulders cut out, so there were no shoulder pads, but the piece gave a nod to the 80s with its poofy sleeves. And several skirts had the ribbon pattern of the era.

The collection had a fall feel, with plenty of leather jackets, skirts and coats, but also pieces that mixed materials, like a blue, white and black leather jacket that transformed into a flowing gold material at the chest. □

'Poms' is too embarrassed of itself to be empowering

By LINDSEY BAHR

There's something irreconcilable about "Poms," a movie about women in a retirement community who start a cheerleading club. The film wants us to laugh at the idea of older women trying to be cheerleaders, but also be inspired and empowered by their determination. There may have been a way to let it be both, but "Poms" evidently wasn't interested in digging

that deep. Perhaps that's because it's too busy being embarrassed of itself, as though director Zara Hayes and screenwriter Shane Atkinson realized too late that they'd assembled a cast of rock star actresses like Diane Keaton, Pam Grier, Jacki Weaver and Rhea Perlman and forgot to write a real movie, or characters, for them.

But six women (Grier, Perlman, Phyllis Somerville,



This image released by STXfilms shows Diane Keaton, center, Jacki Weaver, center left, and Pam Grier, center right, in a scene from "Poms."

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Patricia French, Carol Sutton and Ginny MacColl) decide to go against the grain and try out. None are very good and they all have ailments making any sort of standard choreography difficult, but nary a rehearsal montage later and they're performing at a high school pep rally where

they are met with jeers and laughter. No, it's not a dream sequence, and yes, it makes no sense.

But that's the operating mode of "Poms." Why do something rooted in reality when you can just go for the biggest, silliest, most irrational thing in the name of comedy?

"Poms" really wants to be a sweet movie with a sweet message, but it's hard to buy into it when none of the squad gets significant backstories, inner lives or even enough dialogue to give them distinct personalities. They're just there to be punching bags for other characters and the movie.

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Mac DeMarco, "Here Comes the Cowboy" (Mac's Record Label)

For a musician who rose to fame quickly — and somewhat unexpectedly considering his niche indie roots — it's natural that Mac DeMarco may feel some re-

luctance when diving full force into the limelight. This reticence is palpable on "Nobody," DeMarco's first single off "Here Comes the Cowboy."

"Another creature/Whose lost its vision" DeMarco sings of himself. "There's no turning back/To nobody."

"Here Comes the Cowboy," DeMarco's fourth full length album, carries a tone of melancholy mixed with hesitancy as DeMarco seemingly has one foot ahead of him and one in the past.

In "K," a slower, more stripped back song for DeMarco, he comforts a lover, grateful for the path that brought them together and foreseeing the hard times ahead: "Anytime it feels as though my love has gone away/K, settle down, turn around, take this song,

let it play."

"Heart to Heart" also looks at past years of a connection, while "All Our Yesterdays" confronts the tension of the past and future head on: "All of our yesterdays have gone now/ But that don't mean your dream is over." Throughout the record, DeMarco employs his typical lazy-rock style intermixed with lo-fi effects, yet adds a Western tinge to reflect the album's cowboy motif. The cowboy theme perhaps alludes to the way an isolated DeMarco feels.

In "Preoccupied" he laments about a world with "no conversation"— one where people have opened up their minds, but "filled it with (expletive)." In "Finally Alone," a cowboy desperate to get away takes a flight to Spain. "Honkey, you're finally alone." □

Starz drama, actress bring black lady-in-waiting to life

By LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fidelity to facts might seem to dictate that characters in royal-obsessed British costume dramas be uniformly white, even if their personal lives get extensive TV makeovers.

But as the creators of Starz's "The Spanish Princess" discovered, the answer isn't to invent diversity — it's to resist overlooking it. In telling the story of Catherine of Aragon as a young woman, they made a point of bringing people of color out of historical obscurity and into focus.

That created a role and a challenge for British actress Stephanie Levi-John, 30, who is of African-Caribbean descent. She plays Catalina ("Lina") de Cardonnes, a black lady-in-waiting to Catherine in Spain and then England, where the princess (played by Charlotte Hope) is destined to become queen as the future Henry VIII's first of six wives.

Lina and another historical black character, one of Catherine's soldiers, are only briefly mentioned in documents of the period, requiring the actors and producers to flesh them out



This image released by Starz shows Stephanie Levi-John, center, in character as Lina on the set of "The Spanish Princess," premiering Sunday, May 5 on Starz.

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in the eight-episode drama drawn from the novels of Philippa Gregory. "The Spanish Princess" debuts 8 p.m. EDT Sunday.

In a phone interview from her native London, Levi-John discussed the part and who inspired her to pursue acting (hint: it wasn't Will Smith).

The Associated Press: Your grandfather worked as a

musician in Sierra Leone and your sister sang opera, but you're the first actor in the family. How did you decide on the career?

Levi-John: When I was about 8 or 9, a childhood friend of mine had been scouted to appear at the National Theatre in a play, so I went along with her mum to watch her. It was kind of like a lightbulb mo-

ment at such a young age: This is exactly what I will do for the rest of my life, purely because someone who looks like me (ethnically) on stage is doing something that I knew I would enjoy. It

felt like, "OK, if she can do it, then hopefully I can do it, too."

AP: Did you see black characters on screen as an English youngster?

Levi-John: I grew up in the '90s, early 2000s, and we had "Sister, Sister," we had "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." So I was seeing examples of people of color on TV, but it was, "They're American. I love the show, but it feels really disconnected because I'm in London and Will Smith is over there in America."

AP: What training did you receive?

Levi-John: I went to Identity School of Acting, where (founder) Femi Oguns created a platform for actors of color to get into the industry. I didn't know how I'd be able to navigate myself into this industry, and that gave me the foundation to build a career. But I call myself "work experience girl," because I walk into every job open and receptive to learn, because every job is different. I'm constantly learning about myself and things that work for me.

AP: How did you approach playing Lina, given the scant information about her?

Levi-John: There was a wealth of stuff in the script that allowed me to place Lina historically in that time to figure out the ins-and-outs of her character. □

Yale historian wins Parkman Prize for Frederick Douglass bio

By HILLEL ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — Yale University historian David W. Blight, author of a celebrated biography of Frederick Douglass, can hardly keep up with all the honors.

In the past three months, Blight's "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" has won the Pulitzer Prize for history and the Lincoln Prize for an outstanding work about the Civil War, and has been optioned by Barack and Michelle Obama for a Netflix film. On Monday night, he accepted an award that moved and humbled him, the Francis Parkman Prize, presented by the Society of American Historians for a work "distinguished by its literary merit." The award is named for the 19th century historian and has been

given to Robert Caro, David McCullough and Eric Foner among others.

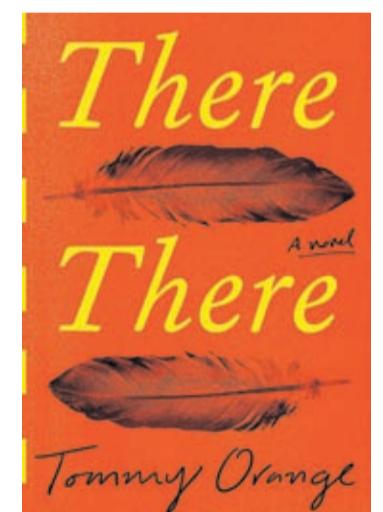
"I always dreamed about the Parkman prize," Blight said during a ceremony in midtown Manhattan attended by such prize-winning peers as Annette Gordon-Reed, Brenda Wineapple and David Nasaw. "We honor each other because we love our craft." The 70-year-old Blight has long been one of the world's most respected scholars on slavery, his previous awards including the Frederick Douglass Prize for "Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory." He was the featured speaker on a night that also cited Tommy Orange's novel "There There" for excellence in historical fiction, even if

his story was set in the contemporary Bay Area, and Jonathan Lande's "Disciplining Freedom: U.S. Army Slave Rebels and Emancipation in the Civil War" for an outstanding doctoral dissertation. All three books focused on Americans often ignored by historians, from the Native Americans in Orange's book to the blacks in Lande's writings who fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. Blight's book is more than 800 pages and he has spent so much time immersed in the life of the great 19th century abolitionist that he refers to him as "Mr. D," opening his remarks by insisting, "I have no illusions that this is about my writing as much as it is about Mr. D's. My motto

has always been "When in doubt, quote Douglass."

Blight spoke mostly about the importance of words, to him, and to Douglass. He expressed awe at how a man of little formal education became among the most eloquent prose stylists of his time, a gift some of Douglass' contemporaries noted as well. For Douglass, Blight explained, words were not simply a means of persuasion, but an assertion of identity. "Writing was life to Douglass. It had become his public duty."

Throughout his talk, Blight joined the mission of Douglass to the mission of historians — to communicate with passion and intellect, to express complicated ideas through "doable words," to translate the



This cover image released by Knopf shows "There There," by Tommy Orange.

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"music" in one's mind to the printed page.

"In our daily lives our words are all we have," Blight said. "We should be home reading right now." □

Tracing Nelson Mandela's footsteps 100 years after his birth

By CHARMAINE NORONHA
QUNU, South Africa (AP)

— July 18 marks 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela, who died in 2013. Visitors can follow in Mandela's footsteps from the villages where he was born and raised, to the Soweto township where he became an anti-apartheid leader, to Robben Island where he was imprisoned for years.

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"When Mandela was just a child, he walked for miles on this route, moving from one village to another," said tour guide Velile Ndlumbini as we drove through the picturesque green rolling hills of the Eastern Cape. The homestead where he was born can be seen in the small village of Mvezo. He lived here until age 2, when his father lost his position as village chief in a dispute with a magistrate.

The family then moved to neighboring Qunu, where Mandela lived until age 9, when his father died. He and his mother then moved 19 kilometers (12 miles) away to Mqhekezweni. Here he was adopted by the acting regent king and groomed for leadership. Mandela wrote in his autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom," that his interest in politics was first kindled listening to tribal elders holding community meetings in Mqhekezweni. A shady spot under a circle of gum trees, Ndlumbini said, is still used for that purpose.

It was Qunu where Mandela returned after 27 years in prison. He built a complex



In this Oct. 6, 2007, file photo, former South African President Nelson Mandela reacts after a meeting at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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there along the N2 highway for his family, where some still live, and he moved back to Qunu himself after retiring from public life.

Dusty roads lead to his private grave, across from his family's burial site.

Qunu also houses the Nelson Mandela Museum, which opened on Feb. 11, 2000, the 10th anniversary of his release from prison. It takes visitors from his childhood through his involvement in politics to his triumphant election as president.

Some 200 kilometers (125 miles) south lies the Steve Biko Museum in King William's Town. Biko was an

icon of anti-apartheid activism, an African nationalist and a leader of the grassroots Black Consciousness Movement. He was a major influence on Mandela, and died in 1977 after being arrested and beaten.

In neighboring Mandela Bay in Port Elizabeth, an installation called Route 67 showcases 67 artworks symbolizing Mandela's 67 years of service. The art, all by locals, depicts significant moments on the journey from apartheid to democracy, moving from laser-cut steel figures forming a voting line in the country's first democratic elections in 1994, to a stairway that starts in darkness and progresses to an era of color and new beginnings.

SOWETO

Created in the 1930s by the white government to relocate the black population away from Johannesburg, Soweto became the largest black city in South Africa. Poverty was rampant in the shanty towns and civil unrest was common during apartheid.

Mandela lived in Soweto from 1946 to 1962 and met African National Congress activist Walter Sisulu there. Mandela's Soweto home

has also been converted into a museum. But the most exhaustive and heart-breaking site is the Apartheid Museum. The entrance is divided into "blanke/whites" and "nie-blanke/non-whites," followed by a display of "passes" that the black population was required to carry, restricting their movements. The museum details the white settlers' history in South Africa, the beginnings of apartheid and daily struggles blacks endured, along with the story of how Mandela transformed the African National Congress into a mass political movement. The Hector Pieterson Me-

morial and Museum tell the story of the 1976 Soweto riots. Hector was 12 when he was shot and killed by police firing on student protesters. A famous photo shows his limp body being carried as his sister ran alongside. Some accounts say hundreds died during the protests. The museum contains a heart-wrenching and moving collection of oral testimonies, large-scale photos, audiovisual displays and historical documents about the uprising. A drive north takes you to Liliesleaf, in the suburb of Rivonia. This farm-turned-museum, once owned by South African Communist Party member Arthur Goldreich, was used in the 1960s as a secret hideout for Mandela and other activists on the run from police. The famous Rivonia Trial ended with Mandela and his comrades sentenced to life in prison on Robben Island.

ROBBEN ISLAND

A 45-minute ferry ride from Cape Town, Robben Island is where Mandela spent 18 years of his 27 years in prison, beginning in 1964, alongside other heroes of the movement like Sisulu and Govan Mbeki. The most powerful part of the tour, led by a former prisoner, is a visit to Mandela's cell, a 7-by-9-foot (2-by-2.7-meter) room. Despite the humiliation and oppression of his years here, this was also where he honed his skills as a leader, negotiator and proselytizer, which put him on the path to the presidency in 1994. □



In this July 18, 2008, file photo, tourists take photos of former South African President Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island, South Africa.

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In this Dec. 15, 2013, file photo, a young girl sits outside the Mandela House Museum in the Soweto township, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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